

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A unitary molded clip for displaying and storing jewelry, said molded clip comprising:

a base having an upper surface;

a first downwardly extending wall and a second downwardly extending wall which together form boundaries of a recess having a concave surface extending downwardly away from the upper surface of said base;

a single tab only, said ~~single~~ tab being relatively rigid and extending in a cantilevered manner from said first downwardly extending wall, said ~~single~~ tab projecting substantially entirely across said concave surface of said recess in spaced relation above said concave surface; and

a first deformable and resilient winged projection which extends from one said wall at a position juxtaposed to said upper surface of said base into said recess toward said ~~single~~ tab, in a manner such that said first winged projection biases an item of jewelry inserted between said first winged projection and said ~~single~~ tab upwardly against an undersurface of said tab to releasably secure the item of jewelry to the unitary molded clip.

2. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a second deformable and resilient winged projection which extends from one said wall at a position juxtaposed to said upper surface of said base into said recess toward said single tab and which is disposed on an opposite side of said tab relative to said first winged projection, in a manner such that said first and second winged projections bias the item of jewelry when inserted between said first and second winged projections and said single tab upwardly against an undersurface of said single tab to releasably secure the item of jewelry to the unitary molded clip.

3. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 2, wherein said first and second winged projections are secured to an upper edge of said second downwardly extending wall and are spaced apart from said first downwardly extending wall and said tab.

4. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip for displaying and storing jewelry, said molded clip comprising:

a base having an upper surface;

a first downwardly extending wall and a second downwardly extending wall which together form boundaries of a recess having

a concave surface extending downwardly away from the upper surface of said base;

a tab extending in a cantilevered manner from said first downwardly extending wall, said tab projecting across the concave surface of said recess in spaced relation above said concave surface; and

a first winged projection which extends downwardly from one said wall at a position juxtaposed to said upper surface of said base into said recess toward said tab and to a position below said tab at all times, in a manner such that said first winged projection biases an item of jewelry inserted between said first winged projection and said tab upwardly against an undersurface of said tab to releasably secure the item of jewelry to the unitary molded clip.

5. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein said recess formed by said first and second downwardly extending walls is triangular in shape.

6. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein said recess formed by said first and second downwardly extending walls is semi-elliptical in shape.

7. (Currently Amended) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second downwardly extending wall which forms said recess is angled extends downwardly at an angle a pitch in a range between 5 degrees and 5-30% degrees from horizontal relative to the upper surface of said base.

8. (Currently Amended) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 7, wherein said first downwardly extending wall which forms said recess extends is angled downwardly at an angle in a range a pitch between 5 degrees and 5-30% degrees from vertical relative to the a plane perpendicular to the upper surface of said base so as to intersect the second downwardly extending wall at a bottom of the recess at an approximately 90 degree angle.

9. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second downwardly extending wall of said recess forms a guideway in which to manipulate the item of jewelry into a position between said tab and said first winged projection.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 2, wherein said first and second winged projections are constructed of a resilient plastic.

14. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip for displaying and storing jewelry, said molded clip comprising:

a base having an upper surface;
a first substantially planar downwardly extending wall and a second downwardly extending wall which together form boundaries of a recess having a concave surface extending downwardly away from the upper surface of said base, said first downwardly extending wall extending downwardly from the upper surface of said base at an angle relative to the upper surface of said base;

a tab extending in a cantilevered manner from said first downwardly extending wall, said tab projecting across the concave surface of said recess in spaced relation above said concave surface; and

a first winged projection which extends downwardly from one said wall at a position juxtaposed to said upper surface of said base into said recess toward said tab, in a manner such that said first winged projection biases the an item of jewelry inserted between said first winged projection and said tab upwardly

against an undersurface of said tab and snugly against the first substantially planar downwardly extending wall to releasably secure the item of jewelry to the unitary molded clip at said angle of said first substantially planar downwardly extending wall.

15. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a second winged projection which extends from one said wall at a position juxtaposed to said upper surface of said base into said recess toward said tab and which is disposed on an opposite side of said tab relative to said first winged projection, in a manner such that said first and second winged projections bias the item of jewelry when inserted between said first and second winged projections and said tab upwardly against an undersurface of said tab to releasably secure the item of jewelry to the unitary molded clip.

16. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 15, wherein said first and second winged projections are secured to an upper edge of said second downwardly extending wall and are spaced apart from said first downwardly extending wall and said tab.

17. (Currently Amended) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 14, wherein said first winged projection extends downwardly from said one wall to a position below directly beneath said tab.

18. (Currently Amended) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 14, wherein said second downwardly extending wall which forms said recess is angled extends downwardly at an angle a pitch in a range between 5 degrees and 5-30% degrees from horizontal relative to the upper surface of said base.

19. (Currently Amended) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 18, wherein said first downwardly extending wall which forms said recess extends is angled downwardly at an angle in a range a pitch between 5 degrees and 5-30% degrees from vertical relative to the a plane perpendicular to the upper surface of said base so as to intersect the second downwardly extending wall at a bottom of the recess at an approximately 90 degree angle.

20. (Currently Amended) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first winged projection extends downwardly from said one wall to a position below directly beneath said tab.

21. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 20, wherein said first downwardly extending wall is

substantially planar and extends downwardly from the upper surface of said base at an angle relative to the upper surface of said base such that the item of jewelry inserted between said first winged projection and said tab is held snugly against the first substantially planar downwardly extending wall to releasably secure the item of jewelry to the unitary molded clip at said angle of said first substantially planar downwardly extending wall.

22. (Previously Presented) A unitary molded clip as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first downwardly extending wall is substantially planar and extends downwardly from the upper surface of said base at an angle relative to the upper surface of said base such that the item of jewelry inserted between said first winged projection and said tab is held snugly against the first substantially planar downwardly extending wall to releasably secure the item of jewelry to the unitary molded clip at said angle of said first substantially planar downwardly extending wall.